

## **VII. Conclusion**

The Department has achieved incredible success in carrying out President Bush's directive to combat human trafficking. Under this Administration, the Department has been aggressive and effective in its effort to halt human trafficking. Prosecutorial activity has increased four-fold when compared to the last five years of the previous Administration. The Department also has been innovative in its approach, by developing a multi-disciplinary victim-centered approach to uncovering human trafficking schemes, rescuing and protecting victims, and working with foreign, governmental, and non-governmental partners to prevent further victimization.

Much work, however, remains to be done. Because human traffickers violate the fundamental liberties of their victims, the Department will continue its efforts to combat this heinous crime. Using the new tools found in the TVPRA of 2005, the Department will continue to expand the reach and intensity of anti-human trafficking task forces, and to encourage states and foreign countries to criminalize sex, labor, and child sex trafficking. We pledge to maintain the fight against human trafficking as one of the Department's utmost priorities.

